

Department of Veterans Affairs

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§ 17.710 Notice of Fund Availability.

When funds are available for grants, VA will publish a Notice of Fund Availability in the FEDERAL REGISTER. The notice will identify:

- (a) The location for obtaining grant applications;
- (b) The date, time, and place for submitting completed grant applications;
- (c) The estimated amount and type of grant funding available;
- (d) The length of term for the grant award;
- (e) The minimum number of total points and points per category that an applicant or grantee must receive in order for a supportive grant to be funded;
- (f) The timeframes and manner for payments under the grant; and
- (g) Those areas identified by VA to be the “highly rural areas” in which grantees may provide transportation services funded under this rule.

(Authority: Sec. 307, Pub. L. 111-163; 38 U.S.C. 501)

§ 17.715 Grant agreements.

(a) *General.* After a grantee is awarded a grant in accordance with § 17.705(b) or § 17.705(d), VA will draft a grant agreement to be executed by VA and the grantee. Upon execution of the grant agreement, VA will obligate the approved amount to the grantee. The grant agreement will provide that:

- (1) The grantee must operate the program in accordance with the provisions of this section and the grant application.
- (2) If a grantee’s application identified a subrecipient, such subrecipient must operate the program in accordance with the provisions of this section and the grant application.
- (3) If a grantee’s application identified that funds will be used to procure or operate vehicles to directly provide transportation services, the following requirements must be met:
 - (i) Title to the vehicles must vest solely in the grantee or identified subrecipient, or with leased vehicles in an identified lender.
 - (ii) The grantee or identified subrecipient must, at a minimum, provide motor vehicle liability insurance for the vehicles to the same extent they

would insure vehicles procured with their own funds.

(iii) All vehicle operators must be licensed in a U.S. State or Territory to operate such vehicles.

(iv) Vehicles must be safe and maintained in accordance with the manufacturer’s recommendations.

(v) Vehicles must be operated in accordance with applicable Department of Transportation regulations concerning transit requirements under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

(b) *Additional requirements.* Grantees and identified subrecipients are subject to the following additional requirements:

(1) State veterans service agencies and identified subrecipients in the grant agreement are subject to the Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments under 38 CFR part 43, as well as to OMB Circular A-87, Cost Principles for State, Local, and Indian Tribal Governments, and 2 CFR parts 25 and 170, if applicable.

(2) Veterans Service Organizations and identified subrecipients in the grant agreement are subject to the Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Agreements With Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and Other Non-Profit Organizations under 38 CFR part 49, as well as to OMB Circular A-122, Cost Principles for Non-Profit Organizations, codified at 2 CFR part 230, and 2 CFR parts 25 and 170, if applicable.

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§ 17.720 Payments under the grant.

Grantees are to be paid in accordance with the timeframes and manner set forth in the Notice of Fund Availability.

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§ 17.725 Grantee reporting requirements.

(a) *Program efficacy.* All grantees who receive either an initial or renewed grant must submit to VA quarterly and annual reports which indicate the following information: